

CYCLE SAFETY INFORMATION



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STATE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR LICENSING - 2001

This is the 25th annual Cycle Safety Information Sheet reporting state motorcyclist-licensing procedures and standards. This information is the result of surveying licensing authorities in the nation's 51 licensing jurisdictions.

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Operator Populations			State	State Licensing Agencies			
AUTO OPERATORS	MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS	MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATIONS		KNOWLEDGE TESTING AGENCY	SKILL TESTING AGENCY	LICENSE ISSUANCE AGENCY	M/C Lic. LEGISLATION
3,336,230	2,150	50,040	AL	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1991
477,787	28,081	16,084	AK	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1979
3,639,064	190,217	73,032	AZ	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1968
1,959,738	94,316	26,121	AR	State Police	same	Driver Services	1987
19,675,748	832,732	420,422	CA	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1968
3,119,806	355,493	95,089	CO	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1963
2,325,128	139,754	59,077	CT	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1967
564,100	50,072	11,986	DE	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1974
346,600 *	16,500 *	3,420*	DC	Motor Vehicle Services	same	same	1963
13,673,200	505,943	240,844	FL	Hwy. Safety & MV	same	same	1984
5,761,522	231,013	90,586	GA	Dept. of Public Safety	Dept. of Motor Vehicle Safety	same	1974
746,329	31,397	17,661	HI	Differs by County (Island)	same	same	1965
811,636	5,404	42,165	ID	Driver Services	same	same	1994
8,538,638	573,103	203,935	IL	Secretary of State	same	same	1969
4,855,101	220,746	113,929	IN	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1980
2,091,774	214,938	110,395	IA	DOT Driver Services	same	same	1968
1,800,000	200,000	45,000	KS	Motor Vehicle Dept.	same	same	1974
2,867,000	111,184	39,530	KY	State Police	same	Circ. Court Clerks	1992
2,176,935	57,176	80,553	LA	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1968
877,080	106,480	29,034	ME	Secretary of State	same	same	1987
3,338,708	186,468	59,443	MD	Motor Vehicle Admin.	same	same	1967
4,216,057	232,730	106,304	MA	Registry of Motor Veh.	State Police	Registry of Motor Vehicles	1968
6,911,750	438,305	165,564	MI	Secretary of State	same	same	1970
3,196,984	311,825	136,018	MN	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1968
2,048,731	54,804	20,226	MS	Highway Patrol	same	same	1985
3,202,300	268,900	67,678	MO	Highway Patrol	same	Driver License Bureau	1968
690,000	70,000	24,755	MT	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1976
1,202,541	40,483	22,758	NE	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1967
1,109,749	110,855	30,124	NV	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1971
866,198	120,987	42,387	NH	Dept. of Safety	same	same	1968
5,292,092	264,100	102,967	NJ	Div. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1921
1,106,570	58,400	25,408	NM	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1966
10,529,798	502,453	201,601	NY	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1977
4,805,390	233,112	99,874	NC	Motor Vehicle Division	same	same	1978
414,115	38,801	16,000	ND	Driver License Division	same	same	1968
7,772,757	594,106	254,355	OH	State Highway Patrol	same	Bureau of Motor Vehicles	1968
2,334,098	123,923	56,921	OK	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1967
2,495,178	164,898	70,873	OR	Dr. & Motor Veh. Serv.	same	same	1966
8,283,391	748,315	210,788	PA	Dept. of Transportation	same	same	1968
687,872	59,593	20,878	RI	Comm. College of RI	same	Registry of Motor Vehicles	1967
2,498,154	94,888	51,436	SC	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1975
510,438	52,641	29,175	SD	Dept. of Comm. & Reg.	same	same	1968
3,677,658	214,473	81,746	TN	Dept. of Safety	same	same	1972
15,515,167	630,076	289,287*	TX	Dept. of Public Safety	same	same	1967
1,573,858	103,236	28,116	UT	Driver License Division	same	same	1967
501,110	50,108	18,457	VT	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1968
4,771,570	223,050	80,190	VA	Dept. of Motor Vehicles	same	same	1969
272,205	265,794	114,624	WA	Dept. of Licensing	same	same	1967
1,300,000	76,709	25,705	WV	State Police	same	Motor Vehicle Division	1992
3,667,497	375,964	175,486	WI	Dept. of Transportation	same	same	1968
358,848	40,064	14,437	WY	Dept. of Transportation	same	same	1968
184,794,200	10,716,760	4,412,484	U.S. TOTALS				

* DC numbers are from 1999 report

* Different method of calculation from previous year.

Motorcyclist Learner Permits						
VEHICLES REGISTERED AS MOTORCYCLES	State	ISSUANCE FEE	ISSUANCE TESTS	DURATION	RENEWAL FEE	RESTRICTIONS
2,3,4,8,9,10,11	AL	NO LEARNER PERMIT SYSTEM				
2,3,4,8,9,10,11	AK	\$5.00	V,K	2 years	\$5.00	S,H
3,4,9,10,12	AZ	\$7.00	V,K	6 months	\$7.00	R,T
2,4,8,9,10,13	AR	\$12.00	V,K	6 months※ *	\$1.00	
1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12	CA	\$12.00	V,K	1 year	\$12.00	B*,H,P,R,T
8,9,10	CO	\$10.00	V,K	9 months	\$10.00	S
2,8,9,10,12	CT	\$5.50	V,K	60 days	\$5.50	H,P,T,D,R
9,10,12	DE	\$8.00	V,K,Sk	60 days	\$5.00	H,P,R,T,C
4,8,9,10,11,13	DC	\$10.00	V,K	60 days	\$10.00	S,H
4,8,9,10	FL	\$0	V,K	60 days	\$0	P,H
2,3,4,8,9,10	GA	\$10.00	V,K	6 months	\$10.00	H,P,R,T
4,8,9,10	HI	\$5.00	V,K	180 days	\$5.00	P,T
1,3,4,7,8,13	ID	\$11.50	V,K	6 months	\$11.50	H*,P,R,T
8,11	IL	\$10.00	V,K	1 year	\$10.00	S,B,T,C,E
2,3,4,9,10,13	IN	\$5.00	V,K	1 year	\$5.00	S*,H,P,T
8,9,10	IA	\$6.00	V,K	2 years	\$6.00	S
1,5,8,9,10,13	KS	\$4.00	V,K	1 year	\$4.00	S,P
4,9,10,11,13	KY	\$6.00	V,K	6 months	\$6.00	H
1,2,4,8,11,12	LA					
9,10	ME	\$10.00	V,K,Ⓢ	1 year	\$10.00	H,P,T
8,9,10,13	MD	\$30.00	V,K	180 days	\$30.00	S,H,P,T
1,4,13	MA	\$15.00	V,K	1 year	N/A	H,P,T,E
4,8,9,10	MI	\$13.50	V,K	150 days	\$13.50	S,H,P,T,E
8,9,10,12	MN	\$21.00	V,K	1 year	\$21.00	H,P,R,T,E
9,10,11,13	MS	\$1.00	V,K,Sk	1 year	\$1.00	S,H
4,9,10,12,13	MO	\$1.00	V,K,✓	6 months	\$1.00	H,P,T,D,C
1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,12	MT	\$5.00	V,K	6 months	\$5.00	S,H*
4,8,9,10	NE	\$3.00	V,K	1 year	\$3.00	S,H
9,10	NV	\$19.50	V,K	8 months	\$19.50	S,H,P,R,T
3,8,9,13	NH	\$28.00	none	1 year	\$28.00	H*,T,P
2,3,4,9,10	NJ	\$5.00	V,K	90 days	\$5.00	S,H,E
2,8,9,10,11,13	NM	\$2.00	V,K	6 months	\$2.00	P,C
8,9,10,12	NY	\$52.00 max,✓	V,K	1-5 years, ✓	\$33.00	S,H,P,❖,R,T,E
3,5,11	NC	\$10.00	V,K,▲	18 months	\$0	P
3,8,9,10,11	ND	\$10.00	V,K	6 months	\$8.00	H,P,C,T
3,4,8,9	OH	\$6.00	V,K	1 year	\$6.00	H,P,R,T,E
4,9	OK	\$23.00	V,K,Sk	4 years	\$19.00	S,T*,C*
3,4,8,9,10,13	OR	\$13.00	V,K	1 year	N/A	S,H,P,T
4	PA	\$7.00	👤	120 days	\$7.00	S,P,T
4,9,10	RI	\$2.00	V,K,Sk	90 days	N/A	S,R,P,E
3,4,12	SC	\$2.50	V,K	1 year	\$2.50	H*
3,4,7	SD	\$8.00	V,K,Sk	30 days	\$18.00	S,H*,P
2,4,9,10,11	TN	\$6.50	V,K,Sk	1 year	\$0	H,P,R,T,C*
4,9,11	TX	\$16.00,✓	V,K	6 years,✓	\$32.00,✓	S,C*
4,9,10,11,12	UT	\$7.50	V,K	6 months	N/A	H*,P,R,T
3,8,9,10,12	VT	\$7.00	K	120 days	\$7.00	P,T,D
4,8,11	VA	\$3.00	V,K	30 days	\$3.00	S,H,P,R,T
9,11	WA	\$2.50	K	90 days	\$2.50	T,P
2	WV	\$5.00	V,K,Sk	90 days	\$5.00	B,H,P,T,E
8,9,10	WI	\$22.00	V,K	6 months	\$22.00	S,H,P,E,B,Ⓢ
3,4,7,13	WY	\$20.00	V,K	90 days	\$20.00	H*

Vehicles Registered as Motorcycles

- 1 • 3-wheel, All-Terrain Vehicle
- 2 • Nopeds (small displacement 3-wheel)
- 3 • Minibikes
- 4 • Motorbikes
- 5 • Golf Carts
- 6 • Snowmobiles
- 7 • All-Terrain w/ more than 3 wheels
- 8 • 3-wheel, service vehicle
- 9 • Modified 3-wheel (straddle seat)
- 10 • Modified 3-wheel (bench seat)
- 11 • Mopeds
- 12 • Off-Road Motorcycles
- 13 • Contact local DMV

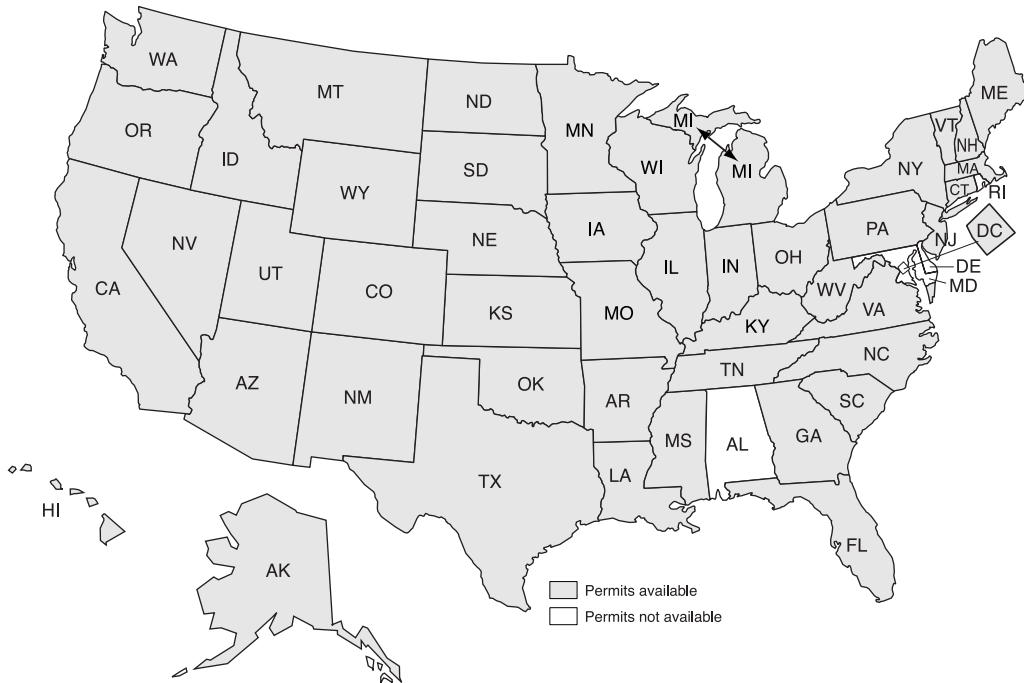
Learner Permit Restrictions

- S • Supervision
- H • Helmets
- R • Restricted Roadways
- T • Times of Day
- B • .00 BAC
- P • No Passengers
- D • Restricted Distances
- C • Cycle Size Restrictions
- E • Eye Protection

Footnotes

- V • Vision
- K • Knowledge
- Sk • Skill
- * • Certain age groups only
- ❖ • No passengers except supervisor
- 👤 • If no DL must pass V & K
- Ⓢ • Must complete 8-hour classroom training
- Ⓢ • If under 18 years of age, must be enrolled in *RiderCourse*™ before obtaining permit.
- ✓ • Fee, duration depends on age at application. Fee includes license fee.
- ▲ • Road sign identification test.
- ※ • For those over 18 only. Nine months for those under 18.

Motorcyclist Learner Permits



50 jurisdictions that provide motorcyclist licenses and/or endorsements make motorcyclist learner permits available. One jurisdiction does not.

NH and WA report that they do not require knowledge or skill tests to obtain a learner's permit.

PA applicants must take vision and knowledge tests if they do not hold a driver's license.

WI applicants under 18 must be enrolled in a *RiderCourse*SM before obtaining permit.

- S** • 23 jurisdictions require supervision
- H** • 35 jurisdictions require helmet usage
- R** • 14 jurisdictions restrict learners to certain roadways
- T** • 28 jurisdictions restrict times of day for operation
- B** • 4 jurisdictions restrict BAC levels – CA, IL, WV, WI
- P** • 33 jurisdictions restrict learners from riding with passengers
- D** • 3 jurisdictions restrict learners to riding within the state or shorter distances – CT, VT, MO
- C** • 8 jurisdictions restrict cycle size of learners' motorcycles
- E** • 10 jurisdictions restrict learners to wearing eye protection

General Licensing Information

LICENSE/ ENDORSEMENT CODES	LICENSE/ ENDORSEMENT FEES	DURATION IN YEARS	STATE	TOTAL OPERATOR TESTING SITES	SITES PROVIDE M/C TESTS	SITES PROVIDE CDL TESTS	TOTAL STATE EXAMINERS	# EXAM. WHO TEST M/CUSTS	3RD PARTY TESTERS USED	AGE W/OUT RIDER ED.	AGE WITH RIDER ED.	RIDER TRAINING REQUIRED FOR:
M	\$0↔K	4	AL	82	82	10	167C,32L	N/A	CDL	14	14	N/A
M1,M2	\$15.00↔Sk	5	AK	30	30	26	35C&L	35	Yes	16	16	N/A
M	\$7.00	⊕	AZ	104	57	9	838	597	CDL/car/MC	18	16	N/A
M,MD/M	\$20.00-\$5.00	4	AR	98	98	98	39	39	No	16	16	N/A
M1,M2	\$12.00	4	CA	187	174	58	533	546	MC/CDL	21	16	under 21
M	\$16.00	4,5,10	CO	87	20	3	144C	144	MC/CDL/car	16	16	N/A
M,1M,2M, ●	\$0-\$37.00 ↔ K	4	CT	11	10	5	100L	50	MC	18	16	under 18
M	\$8.00	5	DE	4	3	3	29	19	MC	18	16	under18
M	\$20.00	4	DC	1			8C	8	CDL	16	16	N/A
MTCY Only, Also	\$5.00	4,6	FL	181	50	7	1692C	450	MC/CDL	21	16	under 21
M	\$15.00	4	GA	57	40	3	250C	110	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
2	\$9-\$18.00 ↔ K,Sk	⊕	HI	22	16	8	56C,12L	34	CDL	15	15	N/A
M	\$11.50	4	ID	55	25	93	163C,210L	31	MC/CDL/car	21	15	under 21
L,M	\$10.00	4	IL	104	104	95	750C	750	MC/CDL	18	16	under 18
MC	\$6-\$10.00 ↔ Sk	4	IN	167	30	18	75 + 32C	121	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M,8	\$1.00 / year	2-4	IA	133	133	89	122	122	No	18	16	under 18
D,M	\$6.50 ↔ K,Sk	4	KS	46	46	8	150C	150	MC/CDL	16	15	N/A
M	\$12.00	4	KY	120	120	120	73C,37L	87	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M,7	\$8.00	4	LA		80	35	482	482	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
I,J	\$0 ↔ K,Sk	6	ME	28	28	22	36C	36	MC	N/A	16	all ages
MD	\$30.00	5	MD	12	25	12	121C	40	No	18	16	under 18 ⇐
M	\$15.00 ↔ K,Sk	5	MA	37	42	9	64L	114	MC	17	16.5	N/A
CY	\$13.50 ↔ Sk ※	4	MI	475	124	212	600C	277	MC/CDL	18	16	under 18 and ✓
M	\$0	4	MN	84	93	73	105C	105	MC/CDL	18	16	under 18
E	\$5.00	4	MS	60	60	9	36C,15L	51	CDL	16	16	N/A
M	\$7.50-\$40.00	6	MO	147	125	14	197C	197	CDL	16	15.5	N/A
M	\$2.00-\$4.00 ■	8,4	MT	57	56	56	33C	31	MC	16	15	N/A
M	\$18.75	5	NE	99	96	89	83	60	CDL	16	16	N/A
M,MX,MZ,MU	\$5.00	4	NV	37	9	7	44C	38	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
MC	\$37.00	4	NH	14	14			23	MC	18	16	N/A
M,E	\$15.00-\$13.00	4	NJ	19	10	15	162C	73	MC	17	17	N/A
M,W,Z	\$11.50	4	NM	68	68	68	60C	68	MD/CDL	16	13	under 18
M,MJ	\$52.00 max, *	5	NY	138	96	64	158C	152	No	16	16	N/A
M	\$1.25 ↔ K,Sk	5	NC	89	89	89		406	MC	18	16	N/A
M	\$8.00 ↔ K,Sk	4	ND	44	44	44	38C	38	No	16	14	under 16
M,R,M-1,M-3	\$6.50	4	OH	96	96	96	210C	96	MC	18	16	under 18
M	\$4.00 ↔ K	4	OK	86	86	18	83	83	No	14	14	N/A
M ※	37 or 74	4 or 8	OR	49	37	20	288	288C	MC/CDL/Car	21	16	under 21
M,V †	\$2.00	4	PA	72	68	36	193C	121	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
H	\$1.00	5	RI	6	2	1	10	23	MC/CDL	N/A	16	all applicants
M,4	\$12.50 ↔ K	5	SC	59	59	36	160C	160	CDL	15	15	N/A
2,3	\$8.00	5	SD	53	53		47C	47	MC/CDL	14	14	N/A
M,MP	\$17.50	3-7 ✖	TN	102	102	8	243C	243	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M	\$15-\$32.00 ↔	6	TX	243	243		370C,121L	599	No	18	15	under 18
M,O,U	\$7.50	5	UT	20	18	9	147	95	MC/CDL	N/A	16	N/A
M	\$1.00 / year	2,4	VT	12	6	5	10C	10	MC/car	16	16	N/A
M	\$2.00 / year	5	VA	78	18	65	217C	197	MC	18	15.8	N/A
3,R	\$25.00	5	WA	62	55	85	295C	295	CDL	18	16	under 18
F	\$5.00	4 ✖	WV	55	55	55	16L,36C	16L	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A
M	\$8-\$12.00 ↔ Sk	4-8	WI	126	126	126	165C	165	MC/CDL	18	16	*
M	\$23.00	4	WY	30	30	13	55C	55	MC/CDL	16	16	N/A

C • Civilian Examiners
L • Law Enforcement Examiners
CDL • Commercial Driver's License
R • 3 Wheeled Restriction

K • Knowledge Test
Sk • Skill Test

Footnotes:

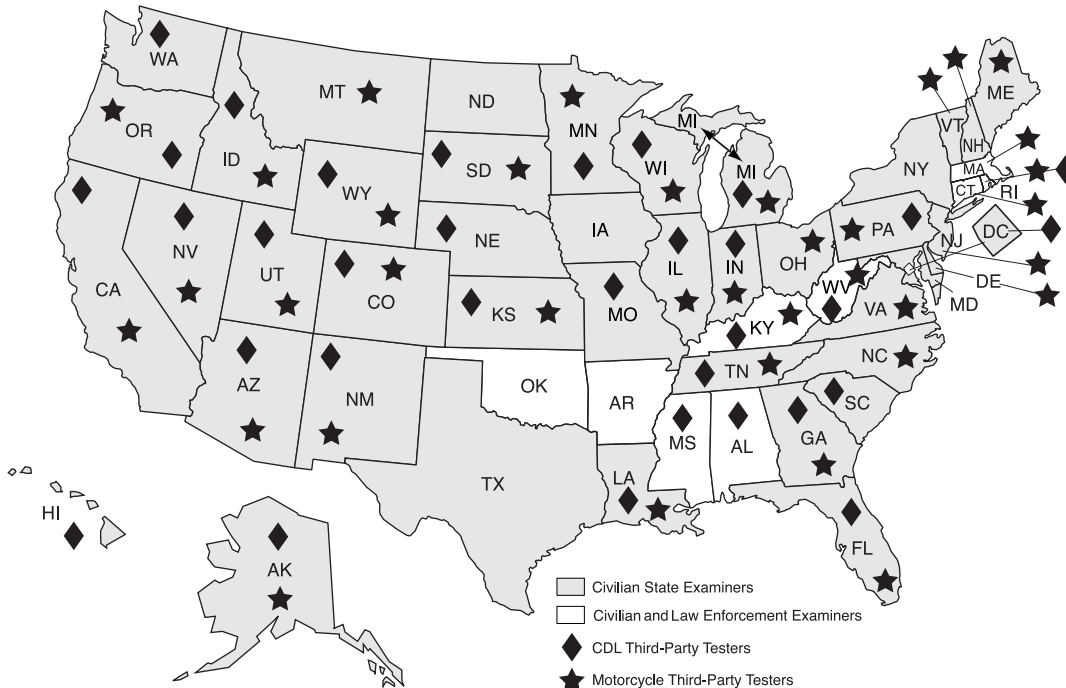
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- ↔ • Additional fees for application processing, knowledge and/or skill testing.
- ✓ • Applicants who fail two skill tests.
- ✖ • In transition to a 5-year license. Renewals last until next birthday divisible by 5.
- † • Restricted to motor-driven cycle.
- ⊕ • AZ D/L is good to age 60, then must be renewed every 5 years.
- ※ • \$13.50 motorcycle endorsement fee is not collected if learner's permit was previously issued at \$13.50.
- ※ • Depends on if person has base license good for 4 or 8 years.

- ✖ • HI 4 yr = 15 - 17 yrs; 6 yr = 18 - 71 yrs; 2 yrs = 72+
- • Depending on age.
- * • New drivers receive a multi-year permit that includes the license fee.
- ⇐ • If not previously licensed in the U.S., must complete 3-hour drug & alcohol awareness course.
- * • If under 18; or before 3rd skill test; or before renewing learners permit the 4th time.
- • The older codes 104 - 107, 204 - 207 will be replaced with M, 1M & 2M when licenses are renewed.

MC ONLY fees not included on this page.
Waivers for any portion of MC test equals 3rd party testing.

Examiner Profiles



24 jurisdictions used state-approved contractors to conduct M/C and CDL skill tests.

7 contracted CDL testing outside of the state agency.

11 contracted M/C testing outside of the state agency.

Jurisdictions with Motorcycle Tiered-Licensing Programs

AL • under 16 restricted to 150cc

OK • under 16 restricted to 250cc or less

TX • under 16 restricted to under 250cc

IL • under 18 restricted to under 150cc unless completed rider training

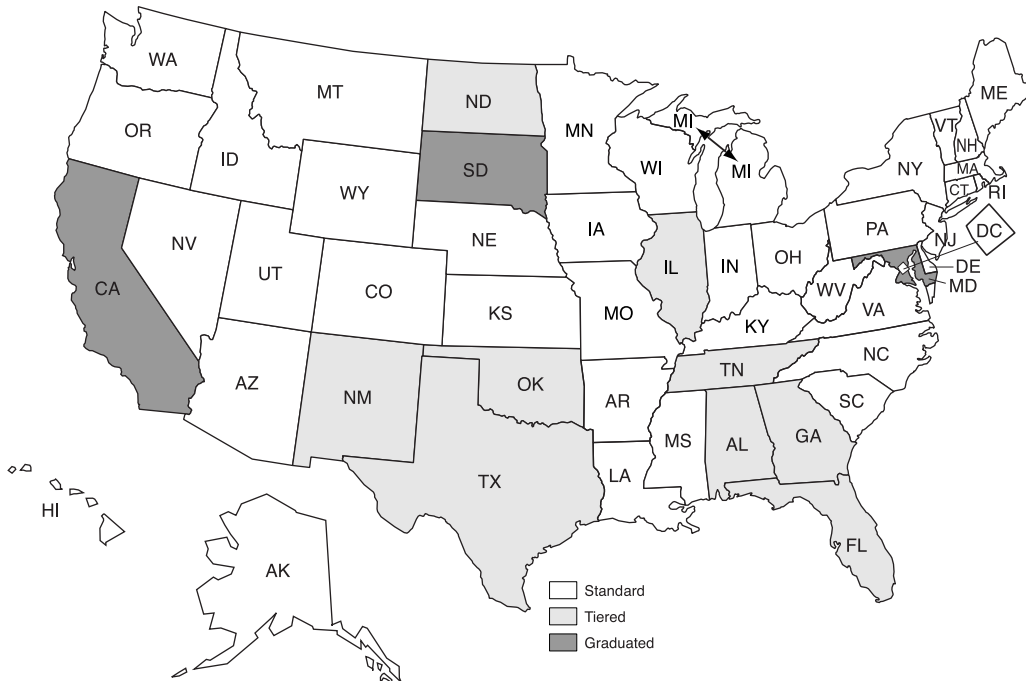
MO • 15.5 to 16 restricted to 250cc or less

NM • under 15 restricted to 100cc or less

ND • under 16 restricted to 250cc

TN • under 16 restricted to 650cc or less; under 15 restricted to 125cc or less

Motorcyclist Licensing Systems



Standard • Identity, vision, health and previous operating experience is screened to determine applicant eligibility.

Appropriate licensing tests assess minimum safe operating knowledge and skill standards. Intervention occurs as needed for all operators.

Tiered • Licensees of some or all age groups are restricted to operating on specific motorcycle sizes.

Graduated • Individual assessment of applicant age, experience and operating record, if any, determines operating privileges for first-time licensees of some or all age groups during a provisional period.

Additional monitoring and early intervention occurs as in the Provisional System.

Operating privileges increase as experience, maturity and skills increase until full privileges are earned (6 months – 2 years).

Motorcyclist Knowledge Testing			State	Motorcyclist Skill Testing					
Handbook Used	Knowledge Tests	Auto Test		Primary Skill Test	Secondary Skill Test	Rider-Ed Waiver	Reciprocal Lic. Waivers	3-Wheel/Sidecar Testing	3WH/SC Oper. Restricted To
Local	Local	No	AL	None	None	No	Yes	none	None
MOM	MSF	Yes	AK	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Mod. MSF	No	AZ	Alt. MOST	None	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Local	Local	No	AR	Local on-street	Local on-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv.
Mod. MOM	Local	Yes	CA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	MSF	No	CO	Alt. MOST	None	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	Yes	CT	Alt. MOST	None	Sk	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	DE	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full DL priv.
Local	Local	No	DC	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	No	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv.
MOM	MSF	Yes	FL	Alt. MOST	None	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	GA	MLST	MLST	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	sidecar 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	HI	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	Mod. MSF	Yes	ID	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	Local	No	IL	Alt. MOST	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	IN	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	Yes	IA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	KS	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
Local	Local	Yes	KY	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	MSF	No	LA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	none	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Local	No	ME	Local on-street	Local on-street	K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	MSF	Yes	MD	Local off-street	Local off-street	No	Yes	car skill test	multi-purp. veh.
Local	Local	Yes	MA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	MI	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Mod. MOM	Local	Yes	MN	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	3-wh
MOM	Local	No	MS	M/C In-Traffic	Local on-street	No	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	Mod. MSF	No	MO	Local off-street	Local off-street	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	MT	Alt. MOST	Local on-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	NE	Alt. MOST	M/C In-Traffic	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	Yes	NV	MLST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Local	Local	No	NH	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Local	Yes	NJ	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	No	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF, Local	No	NM	Alt. MOST	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Local	No	NY	Local on-street	Local on-street	Yes	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Local	No	NC	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	none	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	Yes	ND	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	No	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF, Local	No	OH	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
Local & MSF	Local	No	OK	M/C In-Traffic	Local on-street	Sk	Yes	none	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	Yes	OR	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3 wh
Mod. MOM	MSF	Yes	PA	Local off-street	Local off-street	Sk,K	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv
Local	Local	No	RI	Local off-street	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	m/c RE course	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Mod. MSF	Yes	SC	Local off-street	Local off-street	No	Yes	m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	SD	M/C In-Traffic	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Mod. MSF	Yes	TN	Local on-street	Local on-street	Sk,K	Yes	car skill test	full m/c priv
Mod. MOM	Mod. MSF	Yes	TX	Local on-street	Local on-street	Sk*	Yes	m/c skill test	full m/c priv
MOM	Local	No	UT	Alt. MOST	Local off-street	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	VT	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	none	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	VA	Local on-street	Mod. Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	no info	full m/c priv
MOM	MSF	Yes	WA	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	car skill test	sidecar, 3-wh "R"
MOM	MSF	No	WV	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk,K	Yes	no info	no info
MOM	Local	No	WI	M/C In-Traffic	M/C In-Traffic	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	sidecar, 3-wh
MOM	MSF	No	WY	Alt. MOST	Alt. MOST	Sk	Yes	mod m/c skill test	full m/c priv

C • Civilian Examiners
 L • Law Enforcement Examiners
 CDL • Commercial Driver's License
 R • 3 Wheeled Restriction
 K • Knowledge Test
 Sk • Skill Test

Footnotes

Auto Test • Automated testing available.

Primary • Tests used in most or all urban locations and/or where the majority of motorcyclists are tested.

Secondary • Test used in rural sites or locations unable to accommodate the primary test.

Rider-Ed Waivers • Issued to eligible applicants who successfully complete rider-education requirements acceptable for licensing standards.

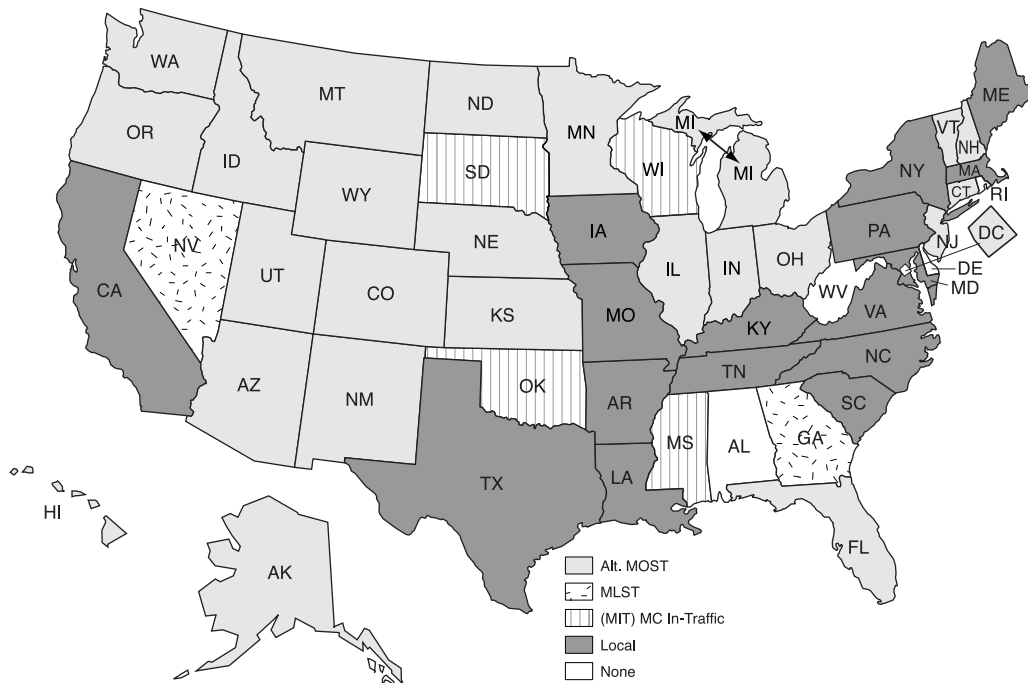
Out-of-State Transfer • (Reciprocal) Waivers – Issued to eligible applicants who were tested and licensed in a previous jurisdiction and maintain acceptable standards for current jurisdiction.

* • Must remove sidecar.

K • Knowledge

Sk • Skill

Primary Motorcyclist Skill Tests



Alabama administers a general rules-of-the-road knowledge test only.

31 jurisdictions report using a single skill test statewide. This may or may not imply that a single skill test, of consistent standards and procedures, is offered in these states.

27 jurisdictions report using the Alternate MOST as their primary skill test.

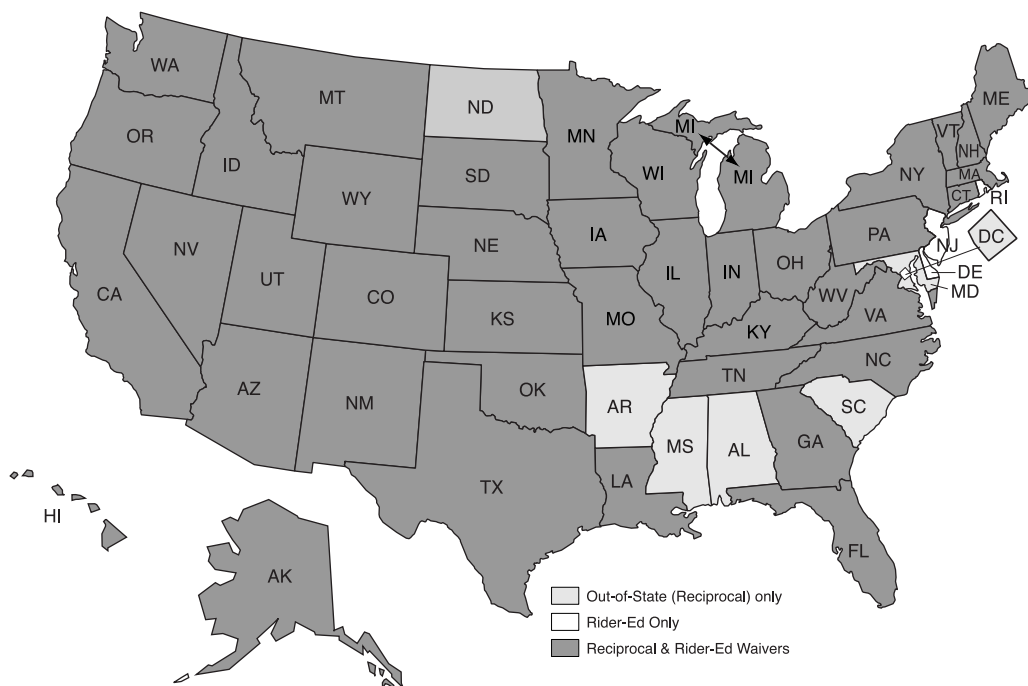
2 jurisdictions report using the MLST as their primary skill test.

4 jurisdictions report using the Motorcyclist In-Traffic (MIT) test as their primary skill test.

6 jurisdictions report using an on-street test of local design.

11 jurisdictions report using an off-street test of local design.

Available Waivers For Rider-Ed Completion and Out-of-State (Reciprocal) Transfers



43 jurisdictions report waiving knowledge and/or skill tests for eligible motorcycle operator applicants who successfully complete state-approved rider education.

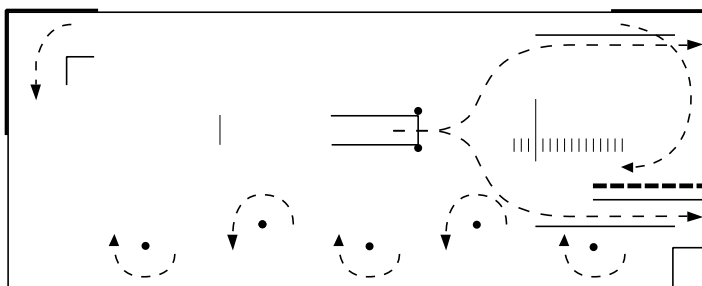
All jurisdictions, except New Jersey, report waiving knowledge and/or skill tests for eligible applicants who have previously tested in another jurisdiction and maintain licensing standards acceptable to the current jurisdiction.

MSF OFF-STREET TESTS

The Alternate Motorcycle Operator Skill Test (Alternate MOST) requires:

- Applicant performance of five basic vehicle-control exercises (Stalling, Sharp Turn, Normal Stop, Cone Weave, and U-Turn).
- Applicant performance of two collision-avoidance exercises (Quick Stop and Swerve).
- No electronic equipment costs or maintenance.
- Least amount of testing space needed for off-street testing (125x30 ft with 10 ft additional unobstructed area).

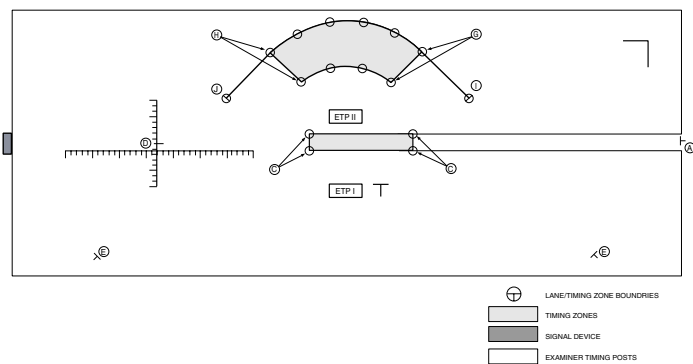
An Alternate Most Examiner Training Video and Guide is available, 42 minutes in length. It details how to administer the Alternate MOST and challenges examiners with practice scoring exercises.



The Motorcyclist Licensing Skill Test (MLST) requires:

- Performance of one basic vehicle-control exercise (Straight Path and Sharp Turn).
- Performance of two collision-avoidance exercises (Riding Curves and Quick Stop/Swerve).
- Repetition of collision-avoidance exercises that allows more opportunity to assess turning, stopping and swerving skills.
- Automatic or manually-operated electronic equipment that converts speed traveled through a timing zone to a score.

MOTORCYCLIST LICENSING SKILL TEST
COURSE LAYOUT



MSF ON-STREET TEST

The Motorcyclist In-Traffic Test (MIT):

- Requires applicant performance of 8-11 riding behaviors determined to be important to safer riding.
- Allows assessment of rider judgment in actual traffic situations.
- Does not require off-street test facility.

All of these tests employ objective scoring criteria, are easy to conduct in approximately 10 minutes, and examiners do not need to be riders to administer them. However, motorcyclist examiners who have completed a rider-training course or are riders enjoy more credibility with applicants they test. AAMVA guidelines recommend that applicants receive uniformly administered tests statewide.

The MSF will provide states the loan of printer's negatives for any of the following materials. Knowledge Test slides for states using automated testing are also available.

Motorcycle Operator Manual and Knowledge Tests

The Motorcycle Operator Manual includes information on motorcycle riding preparations, protective gear and defensive operating. Each of the five Knowledge Tests (that include 25 multiple-choice questions) are based on MOM information. Tests emphasize areas critical to safe riding. The MOM is also available on computer disk as a Adobe Acrobat Reader file.

The Motorcycle Skill Test Practice Guide

The Motorcycle Skill Test Practice Guide provides motorcycle license applicants with exercises that they can practice before taking their skill test. These exercises do not replace a rider-education course.

Sharing the Road with Motorcycles

Studies show that most two-vehicle collisions involving motorcyclists are caused by drivers of other vehicles. *Sharing the Road with Motorcycles* offers information to make drivers aware of conditions and situations commonly faced by motorcyclists.

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